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The Honorable Raymond Blattenberger
Public Printer of the United States
Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blattenberger:

This has reference to my letter of 17 May 1954 regarding the possible consolidation of the Government Printing Office--State Service Printing Plant with the printing and reproduction facilities of the Central Intelligence Agency. It was proposed that we appoint representatives to make a detailed study of all aspects of the present operation to determine the desirability and feasibility of such a merger.

Our representatives have held two meetings for the purpose of discussing this matter. The latest of these meetings was held on 19 July 1954 and was devoted to a reconsideration of the method of approach, due to factors which have recently risen to complicate the situation. Briefly, this situation has to do with repairs and alterations which must be made in the space now occupied by the GPO-State Service Plant. This work will seriously interfere with the production of this plant for a period of several months. Accordingly, it is felt that if the consolidation is to be made, it would be to our advantage to do so immediately so as to avoid, to the extent possible, interference with important production.

In view of the above, it is desired to ascertain if you will agree in principle to the merger of the GPO-State Service Plant with CIA printing and reproduction facilities in space now controlled by CIA. The merged facility would be operated by CIA.

If you agree in principle, it is proposed that we work out jointly the details of the merger. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Joint Committee on Printing.

Sincerely yours,

L. K. WHITE
Deputy Director

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